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SUBJ: FINANCE: FBO FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

REF : BANGKOK A-188 DATED JULY 5, 1973

FOR A/FBO

1. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS INCREASE OF \$7,800 IN FY-1974
XJ-4316 ALLOTMENT FOR FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS (CODE 350/620).
 2. MINIMUM FY REQUIREMENTS OF \$27,600 FOR F&F PROJECTS WERE
IDENTIFIED IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM. WE WERE ALLOTTED \$19,000. AS OF
MARCH 12 OUR UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT AMOUNTED TO LESS THAN \$30.
 3. PRIMARY JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASE: PROPERTIES OCCUPIED BY
THE DAO AND OTHER SERVICE ATTACHES HAVE NEVER BEEN COMPLETELY
FURNISHED AND OCCUPANTS HAVE OUT OF NECESSITY AUGMENTED
FURNISHINGS WITH PERSONAL PROPERTY. DAO IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
POST PRIOR TO END OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND WE ESTIMATE A
MINIMUM OF \$3,000 IS REQUIRED TO ADEQUATELY FURNISH THIS
RESIDENCE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW DAO. F&F REQUIREMENTS
FOR TWO OTHER MILITARY ATTACHE RESIDENCES ARE COMPARABLE BUT
\$1,500 FOR EACH RESIDENCE WILL ENABLE FUNDING IMMEDIATE NEEDS
THIS FY.
 4. IN ADDITION TO NEEDS AT MILITARY ATTACHE RESIDENCES, WE REQUIRE
\$1,800 FOR PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.
 5. OUR F&F FUNDS HAVE BEEN FULLY OBLIGATED EARLY IN FY
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PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF \$8,600 CUT IN OUR BUDGET REQUEST. HOWEVER,

SPIRALING INFLATION, HAS MEANT THAT \$27,600 BUDGET OF
LAST SUMMER WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 AT TODAY'S PRICES.
ANOTHER FACTOR AFFECTING F&F COSTS IS THAT UNTIL RECENTLY POST
WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE REPRESENTATIONAL FURNITURE FROM THE PX.
THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE AND POST MUST IMPORT F&F ITEMS OR
PURCHASE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY. BOTH ALTERNATIVES ARE MORE
EXPENSIVE THAN PX PURCHASE.

6. FUNDS BEING REQUESTED ARE LESS THAN AMOUNT THAT COULD BE
JUSTIFIED BUT REQUEST HAS BEEN KEPT TO MINIMUM IN RECOGNITION
OF A/FBO FUNDING PROBLEMS.

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